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1. There is a factory two km south of Deva, called Polychim Fabrica, which is supposed to make shoe polish, metal scouring products and insecticides, but is really engaged in producing war gases.
2. The factory is a branch of the Sovromchim and has some 350 workers. The head is a Soviet engineer named Stepanov. The leading Rumanian director is Dumitru Mocioran; under him are engineers Vasile and Grigore Bitunzky.
3. It is difficult to make contact with persons working in the plant, but the following data on products was secured:

Section 1 makes xylyl bromide, bromoacetone, bromethylmethylchetone /sic- probably bromethylacetone and choloactonephenone /sic-probably chloracetoplenone/
Section 2 makes diphenylaminechlorarsine, diphenylcyanarsine and diphenylchloroarsine.
Section 3 makes unknown products.
Section 4 makes chlorine, phosgene and chlorpicrin
Section 5 probably makes mustard gas.

4. No information could be secured about production capacity.

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